

SE EC - MINUTES

Online Video Conference – April 16,2021

EC members' attendance:

Gaba Waage ("GW")
Eddy van Straelen ("EvS")
Youri Alkalay ("YA")
Mette Nissen – Jakobsen ("MN")
Kristian Pälviä ("KP")
Daniela Castellani ("DC")
Ami Baran ("AB")
John Austin ("JA")
CD: Elda Ghilardi ("EG") - Tech. Director: Mike Jennings ("MJ")
Not attending with apologies: Petra Arends ("PA")

1. Welcome

GW thanks everybody to be in the meeting.

2. Minutes

Approval of the EC Meetings Minutes from Video Conference on February 27

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3. Action items from last meetings

All action items were dealt with however, there is still an issue with the "doubling" of emails of MJ.

Action item: AB will take another look into MJ emails.

4. President and immediate issues

- WBSC Europe – starting to Organize the Congress
- WBSC update
 - There is a push to include BB & SB in LA 2028
 - a push for e-sport

5. Financial

- Budget situation
Not much expenses so far
- Situation of payments: Late payments? Late withdrawals? Penalties?
Club Vermins, GER, did not pay yet. They are waiting to be contacted by SE.
HUN has paid the fine.
- Other financial issues
Question of when to start refunding
All agree that refunding should start immediately

Action item: EvS will refund the teams who have withdrawn.

MJ brought up the 45 day cancellation date and the changes that will be needed specifically pertaining to start says, numbers of fields and changes to the entries on the Website.

Umpire assignments not yet received

Action item: MJ will check with Raoul.

EC Decisions:

- 30 days will be the last date for a COVID- 19 related withdrawal after that the Team loses the entry Fee.
- Under unforeseen and extenuating COVID -19 issues the EC will evaluate and make a decision.
- May 15 stays the publication date

6. SE Competitions and TC

- TC and UIC Meeting – Plan for April 24 and April 25

Proposed Changes (MJ)

Changes to memorandum

- Tournament TC meeting might take longer if vaccination passports need to be checked, maybe need to start earlier
- Start Bat Control earlier
- Possibly changing rules as to opening and closing ceremonies
- Asking for EC's to make sure the COVID Hygiene officers do their job

- Competition situation 2021 – just information: (locations, fields, game schedules, trophies, problems) INCLUDING Covid -19 Protocols
 - DC – Spectators will be allowed in the WECh in Italy
- Final entries
 - Update
- Inspections – situation
 - MJ – TC's will not fly to the competition venue if it is far
 - YA – proposed to have a questionnaire with videos instead of in-person inspection
- Game scheduling
 - update
- Streaming
 - GW – all games will be streamed at MECh
- EC / TC / UIC / SIC / MEDIA final assignments

Action item: MJ will send out assignments

- MASTERS – call for entries
 - Agreed that deadline for registration and payment will be August 1.
- World / Euro Championships
 - GW- based on WBSC calendar we have to make decisions regarding ECh's
 - Go over the attached documents
 - Call for organizers in summer to prepare for the Congress.

Calendar 2021 – 2032 (2 attachments)
SE Calendar 2022 – 2024 (1 attachment)

7. SE Tournaments 2021

- EMRYT
 - Proposal for cancelation
Reasons – Very young athletes, philosophy of the tournament,

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Action item: MJ will notify Raoul on EMRYT cancellation.

- MECh
 - GW – received a letter with a request to postpone to October
 - MJ – what if there are too many withdrawals, quality can also be an issue
 - GW – less than 4 teams there is no event per our regulations
 - AB – we will continue when we are at the 45 day deadline

8. Development

- *General update*
- *Finland*
 - New President, he is doing very well and preparing a special build up program for 2028.
- *Equipment Slovenia , Finland*
 - Slovenia received equipment
 - Finland's equipment it's on its way
 - Big thanks to Youri for all is help
- *ESCA Coaches Course Ireland, Norway*
 - Ireland Coaches Course based on the ESCA curriculum
 - Norway would like to start to work on Softball Coaches

9. Marketing/Merchandise /Media/Website

- *Update*
 - EG: we updated the media documents
 - Will start working with Dennis Duin on the WBSC Europe website
 - GW: Merchandise, this year is not a good year with no spectators

Action item: GW and EG will discuss about this merchandise.

Question from EvS: What is the situation pertaining the licenses with WBSC Europe program?
GW: teams will do both on the WBSC system and with our usual system.

10. Legislative/legal

- Legislation Update
WBSC Governance Questionnaire report and update
 - Softball Europe had a good outcome but we need to improve

Action item: AB will send out the Governance document.

- Congress Timeline
 - GW and Andrea Marcon are in contact:
 - Nov 18: Board meeting
 - Nov 19: Commissions meeting
 - Nov 20: Divisions Congresses
 - Nov 21: WBSC Europe Congress
 - Nov 22: WBSC Europe Board meeting
 - We will have elections

9. **AOB**

YA: concluded the deal for ESF material in the warehouse.
Some will go to donations, and some will be made available to the tournaments.

MNJ: when is next meeting?

AB: if the countries are allowing the competitions, we will go on. In case it is necessary we will have the meeting.

EvS: Malta has not paid the fee to WBSC Europe but not taking part in the competitions.

MJ: water bottles for officials? We have to count balls to make strategy for next season.

Action Items to be taken:

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Next meeting TBD